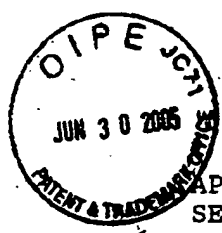


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

6 APPLICATION OF : Peterson et al.
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/886,302
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FOR : CONDITIONING THE EXECUTION OF AN
EXECUTABLE PROGRAM UPON
SATISFACTION OF CRITERIA
EXAMINER : Shin Hon Chen
Art Group : 2131

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BRIEF ON APPEAL

1. REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

The application is assigned to Lockheed Martin Corporation, and was recorded on June 21, 2001 at Reel 011956, frame 0520.

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2. RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

None

3. STATUS OF CLAIMS

24 The application was originally filed with 10 claims, of which claims 1 and 9 were independent. In a first Office Action, all claims were rejected. In response, independent claims 1 was cancelled, claims 2 and 10 were amended to independent form, and changes to the dependency of other claims were made. A final Office Action continued the rejection of claims 2-8 and 10.

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Appeal is taken from the rejection of claims 2-8 and 10.

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4. STATUS OF AMENDMENTS

No amendments after final rejection are made.

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5. SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to a method for tending to reduce the possibility of virus infection of an intranet which communicates by way of a virtual private network (VPN) with a remote computer which is used for other purposes.

The remote computer is subject to the possibility of

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